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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 28, 1959

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: AFCIN-1B1

SUBJECT: (U) Dr. L. F. Vereschagin's (USSR) Visit to General Electric

TO: Secretary USIB Committee on Exchanges
1717 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference your conference with Major Jelich this Branch, subject as above. (U)
2. The attached correspondence is in support of AFCIN request for approval of Mr. Vereschagin's visit. As you are aware Mr. Vereschagin received Mr. Whittingham from General Electric in his laboratory and granted him a complete tour of the Institute. Copies of numerous Soviet technical papers on Ultra-High Pressure were made available to Mr. Whittingham which were complete to the extent that Verson Company, Chicago, Illinois, proceeded to apply information obtained without hesitation and exploit benefits from this exchange. (S)
3. You may note that Mr. Vereschagin requested an invitation for himself and two other colleagues. This information is in addition to our previous considerations, however, to make possible future collection through this Soviet source it is highly desirable that this visit be approved. (S)
4. Information in this headquarters indicates that General Electric intends to extend a reciprocal invitation to Mr. Vereschagin through the Department of State. Since General Electric work in high pressures is largely proprietary, it is the intention of General Electric to severely limit Mr. Vereschagin's parties access to their facilities. (C)
5. Request that this case be coordinated with interested agencies and that the USIB Exchange Committee strongly recommend approval to the Department of State for the above visit of Soviet scientists, the benefits obtained through this exchange visit are evident and are in direct support to our national economy. (C)

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

/s/ Robert E. Harrington
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